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CHINA—*Hongkong.*—From August 13 to 20, 24 cases and 23 deaths were reported. In all, from the beginning of the current year to July 27, there were 1,311 cases (12 Europeans) and 1,253 deaths (1 European.)

Swatow.—According to advices of August 8, the port and district are free from plague.

MADAGASCAR.—According to advices of September 15, the outbreak of plague in Tamatave is officially confirmed.

MAURITIUS.—From August 11 to 18, 55 cases and 36 deaths were reported.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—The total number of plague cases reported from January 1 to July 15, 1899, was 49; deaths, 37.

CHOLERA.

BRITISH EAST INDIES—*Calcutta.*—from August 6 to 12, 11 deaths were reported.

SANITARY REPORTS FROM THE CENTRAL AMERICAN AND COLOMBIAN FRUIT PORTS.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

Report from Belize.

BELIZE, BRITISH HONDURAS, *September 28, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the sailing this p. m. of the steamer *Breakwater* for New Orleans. No passengers from this port. The sanitary condition of Belize is good. There is no infectious or contagious disease in Belize or near surrounding colony. Weather conditions are warm and rainy, malarial fevers of a mild type prevailing.

Respectfully, yours, C. W. KNIGHT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine Hospital-Service.

[Inclosure.]

List of deaths registered in the town of Belize from the 22d instant to date.

BELIZE, *September 28, 1899.*

Certified by medical practitioner: Enteritis, 1; infantile convulsions, 1; pneumonia, 1; premature birth, 1; senectus, 1; tetanus traumatic, 1.
Certified by district commissioner or police, none.
Certified by coroner, none.
Uncertified, none. Total, 6.

A. K. YOUNG,
Registrar-General.

COLOMBIA.

Reports from Bocas del Toro.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *September 23, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit report for the week ended Saturday, September 23, 1899.

The following vessels have been inspected and cleared during the week: September 20, steamship *John Wilson*, Olsen; crew, 16; 4 pas-

sengers, for Mobile. September 23, *Yumuri*, Ingebregtsen; crew, 16; no passengers, for Mobile.

The health conditions of Bocas and vicinity are very good. The continued good weather has been followed by a decrease in the malarial fevers, and now only very much neglected cases come under the observation of the physician. Two deaths have been reported to me during the week—1 negro, female, phthisis; 1 native, female, heart disease.

The authorities here have received official information of the existence of smallpox at Panama, and a limited amount of vaccine matter has been sent here for public use. As smallpox is the disease most dreaded here, a sharp lookout is being kept on the shipping from Colon. Official advices from Colon are to the effect that the sanitary conditions of that port are good, and that no yellow fever or smallpox has occurred there.

Respectfully, yours, HERMAN B. MOHR,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

BOCAS DEL TORO, COLOMBIA, *September 30, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit report for the week ended Saturday, September 30, 1899.

The following vessels have been inspected and cleared during the week: September 27, *Colombia*, Berg; crew, 16; no passengers, for Mobile; *España*, Danielsen; crew, 14; no passengers, for Mobile. September 28, *Habil*, Gudmundsen; crew, 16; no passengers, for Mobile. September 30, *Baracoa*, Wolden; crew, 16; no passengers, for Mobile.

The health and sanitary condition of this port and vicinity continue very satisfactory. The meteorological conditions have been most favorable to a good sanitary status. No sickness of any kind has come under my observation during the week. One death, a native, male, from chronic nephritis has been reported to me.

A recent issue of the Colon Telegram (September 23) has the following: "Panama being now declared free of yellow fever, clean bills of health are being issued for the Isthmus, and the *Don* yesterday took passengers for West Indian ports. In this connection we have been informed that arrangements have been made by which arrivals of yellow fever cases off the port of Panama will be conveyed to the sanitarium at the island of Taboga, each being charged at the rate of $10 daily."

I am informed that smallpox is on the increase at Panama.

Respectfully, yours, HERMAN B. MOHR,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

COSTA RICA.

Report from Port Limon.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *September 29, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended Thursday, September 28, 1899,

The following are the clearances during the said week, for ports in the United States: September —, steamship *Anselm*, McFarlane, master; crew, 36; for New Orleans, no passengers. September 23, steamship *Holstein*, Jardin, master; crew, 21; cleared for New Orleans, no passen-